

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Jeffrey H. BURBANK., et al.) Confirmation No: 1670
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Application No.: 10/796,912) Group Art Unit: 3761
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For: SINGLE STEP FLUID CIRCUIT ENGAGEMENT
DEVICE AND METHOD

United States Patent and Trademark Office
Customer Service Window, Mail Stop Amendment
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RESPONSE TO THE NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

Sir:

The Office Action mailed July 11, 2007 has been reviewed and the comments of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office have been considered.

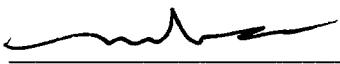
An amendment was filed on 11-10-2006 in response to a notice of non-compliant amendment. This paper responded to the restriction requirement and amended the claims. In this amendment, new claims were added bringing the total claims to 27, and claims 13-15 were canceled. It is not clear why the amendment has been overlooked. It is labeled in PAIR as "Response to Election / Restriction. Filed" with a date of 11-10-2006. In responding to the latest office action, Applicants have assumed this amendment was entered and there is no indication as to why it was not entered.

Should the Examiner feel that there are any issues outstanding after consideration of this response, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned to expedite prosecution of the application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any fees during the entire pendency of this application including fees due under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, including any required extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 50-3840. **This paragraph is intended to be a CONSTRUCTIVE PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3).**

Respectfully submitted,

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